

to reduce the likelihood and consequences of accidents that could occur from the presence of benzene. Secondly, construction and implementation of an ion exchange system would be expensive. The total cost of designing and constructing the ion exchange facility is projected to be \$500 million. The approximate cost of the immediate replacement option would be \$1.1 billion, in addition to the \$500 million for designing and constructing the ion exchange facility. Finally, although an ion exchange system is technically feasible, uncertainty exists in designing and implementing this system for DWPF. Large-scale demonstrations would be required to validate the safety basis and the efficiency of the process to remove cesium, strontium, and plutonium, and to demonstrate the impacts on radioactive glass quality.

IV. Mitigation Action Plan

A Mitigation Action Plan is not required (10 CFR 1021.33) because safety improvements have been incorporated into the proposed action to reduce the consequences from potential accidents.

V. Final SEIS Comments

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region IV expressed concern about projected high level waste throughput from storage of foreign research reactor fuel or from acceptance onsite of commercial wastes. The vitrification of waste other than liquid high level waste now in tanks (and small increments produced as a result of site activities) is not proposed at this time. If a proposal is made at a later time, appropriate NEPA review will be undertaken. The final SEIS, taking account of preliminary estimates of reasonably foreseeable actions, including the acceptance of foreign research reactor spent nuclear fuel, containing enriched uranium of United States origin, stated that the incremental volume of high-level radioactive waste than could result from these activities and that might be processed in DWPF is small compared to the volume of high-level waste currently stored in the tank farms (Section 2.2.1) and presented estimates of cumulative impacts (Section 4.1.17). The acceptance of commercial wastes at the Savannah River Site has not been proposed and is therefore outside the scope of the DWPF SEIS.

VI. Conclusion

DOE has determined that the best course of action for immobilizing SRS radioactive high-level waste is to

complete construction and startup testing and operate DWPF as currently designed, but include additional safety modifications to reduce or eliminate potential accidental releases of radioactive materials and benzene in the event of a severe earthquake. This conclusion is based on careful consideration of environmental impacts, monetary costs, and regulatory commitments. Storage of high-level radioactive waste in tanks, particularly in liquid form, presents continued risk of releases to the environment, both from normal operation and accidents. Completion and operation of DWPF will effectively reduce potential hazards to human health and the environment posed by this high-level radioactive waste.

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Thomas P. Grumbly,
Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management.

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EERE-Denver Regional Support Office; IRP Education and Training Program

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Request for Applications, Integrated Resource Planning, Education and Training Program.

SUMMARY: The Office of Utility Technologies, Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, through the Denver Regional Support Office, announces the Integrated Resource Planning Education and Training Program. The program will provide assistance for State public officials to participate in training and education opportunities to enhance integrated resource planning (IRP) and demand-side management (DSM) efforts. Two cycles of applications are invited, the first is April 1, 1995 and the second is July 1, 1995. Total funding available is \$250,000.

Eligible participants are Commissioners, Governing Officials, and staff of State public utility commissions and State energy offices. Funds may be used for training, including workshops and seminars, to obtain consultant services, to purchase computer software, guidebooks, tutorials, and to subscribe to databases and subscription services. Applications must be submitted to the Denver Regional Support Office. Applications will be evaluated according to the type of assistance requested, and the importance of the funding to IRP/DSM

activities and the ability to measure the impact the assistance will have on advancing IRP/DSM in the organization. Awards will not exceed \$5,000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain a copy of the application procedures, contact Cathy Ghandehari, U.S. Department of Energy, Denver Support Office, 2801 Youngfield St., Suite 380, Golden, CO 80401, Telephone 303-231-5750. Requests may be faxed to Ms. Ghandehari at 303-231-5757.

Issued in Golden, Colorado on: March 23, 1995.

Beth H. Peterman,

Acting Chief, Procurement, GO.

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EERE-Denver Regional Support Office; Solicitation; Integrated Resource Planning

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Solicitation for Financial Assistance Applications, Number DE-PS48-95R810530, Integrated Resource Planning.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy, Denver Regional Support Office, pursuant to 10 CFR 600 announces its intention to issue a competitive solicitation and make financial assistance awards to support Research Projects in Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) in furtherance of the provisions of Title I, Energy Efficiency, Section 111 of Public Law 102-486, The Energy Policy Act of 1992.

AVAILABILITY OF THE SOLICITATION: To obtain a copy of the solicitation write to the U.S. Department of Energy, Denver Support Office, 2801 Youngfield St., Suite 380, Golden, CO 80401, Attn: Louise S. Urgo, FY 1995, IRP Solicitation. Only written requests for the solicitation will be honored. For convenience, requests for the solicitation may be faxed to Ms. Urgo at 303-231-5757.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The investor-owned electric utility industry is undergoing rapid and profound change in response to competitive pressures resulting in a fundamental rethinking of industry structure and regulatory policies and programs. Specifically, as industry structure changes and electricity is bought and sold in increasing competitive trade, questions arise as to the necessity for and ability of regulation and public policy generally to pursue aims such as energy efficiency, resource diversity, equity, and environmental quality

through traditional regulatory means. The U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, is interested in exploring emerging structures and institutions for ensuring that basic public policy goals continue to be met, increasingly through market-based mechanisms. Specifically, the IRP Program intends to sponsor innovative research to explore the nature of the investor-owned electric utility industry and market transformation, and the development of new institutions supporting energy efficiency, environmental quality, equity, fuel diversity and research and development. Seven (7) broad subject areas in which research can be proposed include: (1) The economic costs and benefits of alternative wholesale and retail market structures. (2) The evolving nature of retail electricity markets. (3) New institutions for promoting and enhancing environmental quality. (4) New institutions for improving energy efficiency. (5) Analytical methods for a competitive market. (6) New structures for resource planning. (7) Emerging issues in the electric utility. More details on the types of projects and activities that might be expected as a result of this competition are included in the solicitation.

Review of applications will begin on or about June 15, 1995. Selections will commence approximately mid-July, with anticipated award issuance during August through September 1995. It is anticipated that the Denver Support Office of the Department of Energy will make multiple financial assistance awards as a result of this solicitation. Approximately \$400,000 has been allocated to this program in Fiscal Year 1995. Approximately four (4) to eight (8) awards will be made with Federal share funding levels not to exceed \$100,000 for any individual award. Project should be completed within nine (9) months of the award date, unless approved otherwise by a DOE Contracting Officer in writing.

Awards may be either grants or cooperative agreements, depending on the amount of substantial involvement anticipated between the Department of Energy and the recipient during performance of the contemplated activity.

The solicitation will be issued on or about April 15, 1995, and will contain detailed information on funding, cost sharing requirements, eligibility, application preparation, and evaluation. Responses to the solicitation will be due 60 days after solicitation release.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Department of Energy, Denver Regional Support Office, 2801 Youngfield St., Golden, CO., 80201, Attention: Louise S. Urgo, Contracting Officer.

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Beth H. Peterman,

Acting Chief, Procurement, GO.

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Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Monticello Site

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Board Committee Meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Monticello Site.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, April 18, 1995, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Monticello City Hall, Monticello, Utah 84535.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Audrey Berry, Public Affairs Specialist, Department of Energy Grand Junction Projects Office, P.O. Box 2567, Grand Junction, CO 81502 (303) 248-7727.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board

The purpose of the Board is to advise DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

The Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Monticello Site, will be discussing issues related to the reorganization of the advisory board.

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Audrey Berry's office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly

conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting, due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved prior to publication.

Minutes

The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Audrey Berry, Department of Energy Grand Junction Projects Office, P.O. Box 2567, Grand Junction, CO 81502, or by calling her at (303)-248-7727.

Issued at Washington, DC on April 7, 1995.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Office of Energy Research; High Energy Physics Advisory Panel; Notice of open meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is given of a meeting of the High Energy Physics Advisory Panel.

DATES: Sunday, May 7, 1995, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Monday, May 8, 1995, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Cornell University, Clark Hall, Room 700, Ithaca, New York 14853.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. P.K. Williams, Executive Secretary, High Energy Physics Advisory Panel, U.S. Department of Energy, ER-221, GTN, Washington, D.C. 20585, Telephone: (301) 903-4829.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting

The Panel will provide advice and guidance with respect to the high energy physics research program.

Tentative Agenda

Sunday, May 7, 1995, and Monday, May 8, 1995:

Discussion of Department of Energy (DOE) High Energy Physics Programs